



David Edward Terpstra Jr.

April 29, 2026

David E. Terpstra Jr.

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 in the comfort of his home at the age of 79 years. Born in Chicago, IL the loving son of the late David E. Sr. and Grace (nee Schutler) Terpstra.

Beloved husband of Gayla (nee Parsons); Cherished father of Debby Parsons, Sherry (Dan) Terlecki, Terri (David) Earls and David C. (Anna) Terpstra; Adored grandfather of Jordan (Kevin) Conroy, Paige (Jake) Corrigan, Danielle Soloshy and Darrin Rideout; Loving great grandfather of Kyler Corrigan; Dear brother of Sharon (Jack) Teason and Greg Terpstra; Fond uncle of Christopher Teason.

Preceded in death by his parents.

David was a distinguished Veteran of the United States Air Force proudly serving as a team leader responsible for law enforcement with the role of SSGT.

David will be fondly remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and brother. He had a wonderful sense of humor, using his warmth and wit to share his happiness and joy with others, turning daily interactions into memorable moments. His smile truly did light up a room. He also enjoyed reading and was fond of antique cars, to him they represented a unique blend of art, history and engineering.

Visitation for David E. Terpstra Jr. will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 from 10:00 AM until Funeral Service begins at 12:30 PM at The Maple Funeral Home located at 24300 S. Ford Rd, Channahon, IL 60410. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood with full military honors. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter, 850 Essington, Suite 200 Joliet, IL 60435

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home
24300 West Ford Road
Channahon, IL 60410
(815) 467-1234
info@themaplefuneralhome.com
<https://www.themaplefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service will begin at 12:30 PM

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Love Triffie and Amanda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



Love Triffie and Amanda - May 03 at 11:13 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Bennett and Michael Hall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



Jennifer Bennett and Michael Hall - May 03 at 06:22 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Bennett and Michael Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Edward Terpstra Jr..

Jennifer Bennett and Michael Hall - May 03 at 06:22 PM

JM

“ Jennifer M. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Edward Terpstra Jr..

Jennifer M. - May 03 at 06:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



May 02 at 09:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Edward Terpstra Jr..

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



May 01 at 10:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



May 01 at 11:12 AM

KF

“ Kristin, Damien & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



Kristin, Damien & Family - April 30 at 05:29 PM

KF

“ Kristin, Damien & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Edward Terpstra Jr..

Kristin, Damien & Family - April 30 at 05:29 PM

AU

“ Abri Credit Union purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



Abri Credit Union - April 30 at 01:08 PM

AC

“ Acute Wound Care purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David Edward Terpstra Jr..



Acute Wound Care - April 29 at 04:54 PM

WK

“ *Dearest Gayla and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a good friend for so many years when we all lived in Homer Township. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bill & Linda Kopycki*

william j kopycki - April 29 at 04:31 PM